

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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The present invention recognizes that existing distraction devices have certain disadvantages, including the requirement to remove materials in the distraction device from the subjects body after distraction is completed. Depending on the location of distraction, this procedure can be of varying degrees of undesireability. One aspect of the present invention is a connective tissue distraction device comprising: a first transmitting means structure for transmitting force to a first tissue region and a second transmitting means structure for transmitting force to a second tissue region by contact with bone, and an expansion means device for exerting force distracting said the first transmitting means structure from said the second transmitting means, structure. wherein at At least one of said the first transmitting means device, said the second transmitting means device and said the expansion means structure comprises in whole or in part a biodegradable, bioerodible or bioresorbable material.

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